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(Revised to June 15, 1934)

MANDATORY STANDARDS

Under U. S. Cotton Futures Act and U. S. Cotton Standards Act:

Cotton:
Grade and Color:
Upland:
White grades. Promulgated 1914; last revision effective 1924.
Yellow tinged, yellow stained, and blue stained colors: Promulgated 1916; rev. 1923; repromulgated 1923, effective 1924.
Gray, spotted and light stained. Promulgated 1922; repromulgated 1923, effective 1924.
Extra white. Promulgated 1926, effective 1927; last rev. effective 1933.
American Egyptian (grade and color). Promulgated 1918; last rev. 1929, effective 1930.
Sea Island (grade and color). Promulgated 1918; discontinued 1925.

Length of staple. Promulgated 1918; original representations, last rev. 1928, effective 1929; staple types of additional lengths effective 1933.
(Note: S.R.A. 92, S.R.A. 117, and S.R.A. 146 (Agr. Econ.) contain descriptions of all cotton standards now in force.)
American Cotton Linters:
Grade: Promulgated 1925, effective 1926.
(S. R. A. 94 (Agr. Econ.)
Color: Promulgated 1927, effective 1928.
(S. R. A. 109 (Agr. Econ.)

Under U. S. Grain Standards Act:

Grain:
Corn. Promulgated 1916; last rev. 1934.
Wheat. Promulgated 1917; last rev. 1934.
Oats. Promulgated 1919; last rev. 1934.
Rye. Promulgated 1923; last rev. 1934.
Grain Sorghums. Promulgated 1924, amended 1934.
Feed Oats. Promulgated 1925, amended 1934.
Mixed Feed Oats. Promulgated 1925, amended 1934.
Barley. Promulgated 1926; last rev. 1934.

MANDATORY STANDARDS (CONT.)

Mixed Grain. Promulgated 1934.
Flaxseed. Promulgated 1934.
(S. R. A. 144 (Agr. Econ.) contains specifications of these standards.)

Under U. S. Export Apple and Pear Act of 1933:

Apples. Promulgated 1933.
Pears. Promulgated 1933.
(S. R. A. 143 (Agr. Econ.) and copy of Act)

Under U. S. Standard Container Acts of 1916 and 1928:

Containers:
Climax Baskets. Promulgated 1916; amended 1934.
Berry Boxes. Promulgated 1916.
Till Baskets. Promulgated 1916.
(S. R. A. 104 (Agr. Econ.)

Hampers. Promulgated 1928.
Round Stave Baskets (including straight-side baskets). Promulgated 1928.
Splint or Market Baskets. Promulgated 1928.
(S. R. A. 116 (Agr. Econ.)

Under U. S. Warehouse Act:

(Note: When storing any commodity, for grades of which United States standards have been officially promulgated or devised for the purpose, such standardized grades must be used if the warehouse receipt states the grade. In the absence of official or standardized grades, the Department of Agriculture permits the use by licensed warehousemen of such grades as seem best to meet the needs.)

Under Tobacco Stocks and Standards Act: (For reporting stocks of leaf tobacco)

Tobacco. Classification of leaf tobacco. Promulgated 1929.
(S. R. A. 118 (Agr. Econ.)

PERMISSIVE STANDARDS

Used in services offered under annual appropriation acts covering inspection of fruits, vegetables, hay, and other perishable farm products (Shipping point and market inspection); used in demonstration work, etc.

Beans, dry edible (21 classes). Recommended 1926; promulgated 1931; last rev. Sept. 1931.
(Handbook of Official Standards for Beans. H.F.S. 751)

Broomcorn. Recommended 1926; last rev. 1931.
(Mimeographed circular)

Butter. Recommended 1918.
(S. R. A. 51 (Markets)

PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (CONT.)

Cheese. American (whole milk). Recommended 1922.
(Office of Secretary Cir. 157)

Cotton seed. Promulgated May 1932.
(S. R. A. 133 (Agr. Econ.)

Eggs. (Bulk). Recommended 1923; last rev. 1929.
(Individual). Promulgated 1934.
(Mimeographed Circulars)

Fruits and Vegetables (including Honey, Pecans, and Peanuts):
Anise, sweet. Recommended 1930.
Apples, barreled. Recommended 1918; last rev. 1931.
(S. R. A. 93 rev. (Agr. Econ.) Amend. 1)
Apples, cannery. Recommended 1930.
Apricots. Recommended 1928.
Artichokes. Recommended 1926.
Asparagus. Recommended 1922; last rev. 1933.
Asparagus, Plumosus. Recommended 1930.
Beans, string (wax or green). Recommended 1924; rev. 1927.
Beans, Faba (Fava) fresh. Recommended 1931.
Beets, bunched. Recommended 1924; last rev. 1927.
Beets, topped. Recommended 1934.
Broccoli, Italian sprouting. Recommended 1930.
Cabbage. Recommended 1921; last rev. 1928.
Cabbage for sauerkraut manufacture. Recommended 1932; rev. 1933.
Cantaloups. Recommended 1923; last rev. 1930.
Carrots, bunched. Recommended 1924; last rev. 1932.
Carrots, topped. Recommended 1926; last rev. 1934.
Cauliflower. Recommended 1922; last rev. 1934.
Celery. Recommended 1922; last rev. 1932.
Cherries, sweet. Recommended 1926; rev. 1927.
Cherries, red sour, for manufacture. Recommended 1931.
Citrus Fruits, Florida. Recommended 1923; last rev. 1932.
Citrus Fruits, Texas. Recommended 1929; rev. 1932.
Corn, green. Recommended 1926; rev. 1927.
Corn, sweet for canning. Recommended 1932.
Cucumbers. Recommended 1922; last rev. 1932.
Dewberries and Blackberries. Recommended 1926; rev. 1928.
Eggplant. Recommended 1925; rev. 1933.
Endive or Escarole or Chicory. Recommended 1928; rev. 1933.
Garlic. Recommended 1927.
Grapes, American, eastern type bunch. Recommended 1925; last rev. 1930.
Grapes, juice. Recommended 1923; last rev. 1934.
Grapes, sawdust pack. Recommended 1925; last rev. 1934.
Grapes, table. Recommended 1923; last rev. 1934.
Grapefruit, California and Arizona. Recommended 1929.
Honey. Recommended 1927; rev. 1933. (Cir. 24 revised)
Honey Dew and Honey Ball Melons. Recommended 1927.
Lettuce. Recommended 1922; last rev. 1932.

Mushrooms. Recommended 1928.
Mustard Greens. Recommended 1928.
Okra. Recommended 1928.
Onions, Bermuda. Recommended 1918; last rev. 1933.
Onions, Creole. Recommended 1926.
Onions, Northern grown. Recommended 1920; last rev. 1931.
Oranges, California. Recommended 1929.
Parsley. Recommended 1930.
Peaches. Recommended 1922; last rev. 1933.
Peanuts, farmers' stock Virginia type. Recommended 1929; rev. 1932.
Peanuts, farmers' stock White Spanish. Recommended 1924; last rev. 1928.
Peanuts, shelled White Spanish. Recommended 1921; rev. 1925.
Peanuts, shelled runner. Recommended 1925; rev. 1925.
Peanuts, farmers' runner. Recommended 1931.
Peanuts, shelled Virginia type. Recommended 1932.
Peanuts, cleaned (unshelled) Virginia type. Recommended 1932; rev. 1933.
Pears. Recommended 1924; last rev. 1932.
Peas, fresh. Recommended 1926; last rev. 1934.
Pecans (unshelled). Recommended 1930; rev. 1933.
Peppers, sweet. Recommended 1923; rev. 1929.
Pineapples. Recommended 1924; rev. 1931.
Pineapples, Porto Rican. Recommended 1931.
Plums and Prunes. Recommended 1924; last rev. 1931.
Potatoes. Recommended 1917; last rev. 1933.
(S. R. A. 93 revised (Agr. Econ.) Amend. 2)
Potatoes, Sweet. Recommended 1920; last rev. 1926.
Radishes, bunched. Recommended 1926.
Raspberries. Recommended 1931.
Romaine. Recommended 1928.
Rhubarb (field grown). Recommended 1933.
Shallots, bunched. Recommended 1927; rev. 1931.
Spinach. Recommended 1925; last rev. 1931.
Spinach, cannery. Recommended 1930; rev. 1931.
Strawberries. Recommended 1918; last rev. 1928.
Tomatoes, canning. Recommended 1923; rev. 1926.
Tomatoes for manufacture of strained tomato products. Recommended 1933.
Tomatoes, fresh. Recommended 1922; last rev. 1930.
Turnip Greens. Recommended 1928.
Turnips, bunched. Recommended 1924; rev. 1927.
Turnips or Rutabagas, topped. Recommended 1933.
Watermelons. Recommended 1923; rev. 1925.
(Mimeographed circulars unless otherwise stated)

Hay:
Timothy and Clover hay. Recommended 1923; promulgated 1925; last rev. 1933.
Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixed hay. Recommended and promulgated 1925; last rev. 1933.
Prairie Hay. Recommended and promulgated 1925; last rev. 1933.
Johnson and Johnson Mixed hay. Recommended and promulgated 1925; last rev. 1933.
Grain, Wild Oat, Vetch, and Grain Mixed hay. Promulgated 1933.
Soybean and Soybean Mixed hay. Recommended 1928; promulgated 1933.

Grass hay. Promulgated 1927; last rev. 1933.
Mixed hay. Recommended and promulgated 1925; last rev. 1933.
(Handbook HFS-540 revised, effective January 2, 1933)

Livestock:

Slaughter cattle. Promulgated 1928.
(S. R. A. 112 (Agr. Econ.) and Dept. Bul. 1464)
Vealers and Slaughter calves. Promulgated 1928.
(S. R. A. 113 (Agr. Econ.) and Cir. 28)

Meats:

Beef Carcasses and Cuts. Promulgated 1926.
(S. R. A. 98 and 99 (Agr. Econ.) and Dept. Bul. 1246)
Beef, Yearling. Recommended 1932.
(Cir. 208)
Veal and Calf Carcasses and Cuts. Promulgated 1928.
(S. R. A. 114 (Agr. Econ.) and Cir. 103)
Lamb, Yearling Mutton, and Mutton Carcasses and Cuts. Promulgated 1931.
(S. R. A. 123 (Agr. Econ.) and Dept. Bul. 1470)

Poultry, dressed. Recommended 1931.
Poultry, live. Recommended 1928; last rev. 1934.

Rabbits, dressed domestic. Recommended 1932.

Turkeys, dressed. Recommended 1928; rev. 1933.
(Mimeographed circulars)

Rice, Brown. Promulgated 1927.
Rice, Milled. Recommended 1918; promulgated 1927.
(Handbook U.S.G.S.A. -G.I. Form 179)
Rice, Rough. Recommended 1923; promulgated 1927; last rev. 1933.
(Mimeographed circular)

Soybeans. Recommended 1925; rev. 1926.
(Handbook of U. S. Standards for Soybeans. H.F.S. 899)

Straw. (Wheat, oat, barley, rye, and rice straw). Recommended 1932; promulgated 1933.
(Handbook HFS-540 revised, effective January 2, 1933)

Wool. Diameter of fiber. Promulgated 1923; rev. 1926.
Wool Top. Diameter of fiber. Promulgated 1926.
(S. R. A. 135 (Agr. Econ.)

Canned Foods:

Canned Corn, cream style. Recommended 1928; promulgated 1930; rev. 1932.
Canned Corn, whole grain. Recommended 1928; promulgated 1930; rev. 1932.
Canned Grapefruit. Recommended 1931; promulgated 1934.
Canned Peas. Recommended 1928; promulgated 1930; last rev. 1933.
Canned Snap Beans. Recommended 1928; promulgated 1932; rev. 1933.
Canned Tomatoes. Recommended 1928; promulgated 1930; last rev. 1933.
(S. R A. 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 145 (Agr. Econ.)

TENTATIVE STANDARDS

Under U. S. Cotton Standards Act:

Cotton. For preparation of long-staple cotton. Announced 1929.
(S. R. A. 117 (Agr. Econ.)

Used in market news or grading service, or educational or demonstration work, etc.

Livestock:
Cattle, Stockers and Feeders.
(Dept. Bul. 1464)

Hogs, Slaughter.
(Mimeographed circular)
Lambs, slaughter.
(Mimeographed circular)
Standard schedule of market classes and grades of livestock.
(Dept. Bul. 1360)

Meats:
Pork Carcasses. 1933.
Fresh Pork Cuts. 1933.
(Cir. 288)

Hides and Skins:
Tentative schedules of market classes and grades of hides and skins.
Tentative schedules of market classes and grades of country and butcher hides.
Tentative market classes and grades of kips and calf skins.
(Mimeographed circulars)

Dry Peas. Recommended 1933.
(Mimeographed circular)

Barreled Fruits and Vegetables:
Cherries, pitted, sulphured or in brine. Recommended 1934.
Cherries, unpitted, sulphured or in brine. Recommended 1934.
Sauerkraut. Recommended 1934.
(Mimeographed circulars)

Canned Foods:
Canned Apple Sauce. Recommended 1932; rev. 1934.
Canned Beans, dry. Recommended 1933.
Canned Beans, lima. Recommended 1931; rev. 1933.
Canned Beets. Recommended 1929.
Canned Carrots. Recommended 1932.
Canned Cherries, red sour, pitted. Recommended 1933.
Canned Mushrooms. Recommended 1931.
Canned Pumpkin or Squash. Recommended 1929; rev. 1934.
Canned Sauerkraut. Recommended 1930.
Canned Spinach. Recommended 1928; rev. 1933.

Canned Succotash. Recommended 1932.
Canned Tomato Catchup. Recommended 1934.
Canned Tomato Juice. Recommended 1934.
Canned Tomato Pulp. Recommended 1932; rev. 1934.
(Mimeographed circulars)

Tobacco:
Flue-cured tobacco of Types 11, 12, 13, and 14. Recommended 1922; last rev. 1934.
Fire-cured tobacco of Types 21, 22, 23, and 24. Recommended 1922; last rev. 1933.
Burley tobacco of Type 31. Recommended 1926; last rev. 1933.
Maryland tobacco of Type 32. Recommended 1928; last rev. 1933.
One-sucker tobacco of Type 35. Recommended 1923; rev. 1927.
Green River tobacco of Type 36. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925.
Sun-cured tobacco of Type 37. Recommended 1923.
Seedleaf tobacco of Type 41. Recommended 1926.
Gedhardt tobacco of Type 42. Recommended 1923.
Zimmer tobacco of Type 43. Recommended 1923.
Little Dutch tobacco of Type 44. Recommended 1923.
Broadleaf tobacco of Type 51. Recommended 1923.
Havana Seed tobacco of Type 52. Recommended 1923.
Wisconsin Cigar tobacco of Types 54 and 55. Recommended 1923; last rev. 1933.
Connecticut Valley Shade-Grown tobacco of Type 61. Recommended 1934.
Southern Shade tobacco of Type 62. Recommended 1933.
(Descriptions of these standards for types appear in mimeographed circulars)
United States standard tobacco sizes. Recommended 1926.
(Mis. Cir. 83)